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Arrest Made in Plum Island Arson

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, Newbury Fire Chief Wallace Ziehler and Newbury Police Chief Michael Reilly announced that Jackie Wayne Hutson, age 47, has been charged with setting fire to 10 and 12 Old Point Road on Plum Island yesterday.

The fire was jointly investigated by State Police fire investigators in the Office of the State Fire Marshal and officials from the Newbury Fire and Newbury Police Departments. The investigation revealed that fire at 10 Old Point Road was intentionally set near a wood stove on the first floor. Two firefighters were injured when they fell through the floor near the area of origin. The building was undergoing renovations at the time and was not occupied. Investigators also determined that the fire at 12 Old Point Road was intentionally set in a corner of the basement. The fire displaced three people, including Mr. Hutson. Damage to the two buildings is estimated at \$600,000.

Shortly after the fire Hutson was arrested for disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer and injuring a firefighter. After the conclusion of the cause and origin investigation, Huston was charged with one count of burning a dwelling, one count of burning a building and two counts of causing injury to a firefighter. He will be arraigned this morning in Newburyport District Court.